

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 15 as follows:

The area where the head 2a of the punch 2 comes into contact with the ultrasonic horn 1 has an arc surface as shown in Fig. 1. If both of the ultrasonic horn 1 and the punch 2 coming into contact with each other have flat surfaces and if either of the surfaces is slightly sloped, partial contact will occur and it will become difficult for the punch 2 to strike downward in a straight direction. In contrast to this, if the head 2a of the punch 2 has an arc surface or more preferably a spherical surface, the head 2a of the punch 2 and the ultrasonic horn 1 always come into contact at a point close to the center axis of the punch 2 and it becomes easier for the punch 2 to strike downward in a straight direction. The shape of the cross section of the tip of the processing portion 2b ~~2a~~ of the punch 2 can be any shape such as a circular shape, a blade shape, a square shape, a triangle shape, or an oval shape.